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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: FRASER HEARINGS AND AI REPORT

1. MAY 6 PACIFIC STARS & STRIPES CARRIED UPI REPORT DATEDLINE
WASHINGTON INDICATING THAT REV. HAROLD SCHULZ AND DR.
GEORGE OTTO OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TOLD FRASER
SUBCOMMITTEE MAY 3 THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE
PHILIPPINES WERE SYSTEMATICALLY TORTURED. SCHULZ AND
OTTO, WHO APPARENTLY VISITED CAMP OLIVAS, TESTIFIED THAT
18 DETAINEES WITH WHOM THEY SPOKE TOLD THEM THAT THEY HAD
BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY TORTURED AFTER ARREST ALTHOUGH THEY
NOTED FATHER DE LA TORRE HAD NOT BEEN TORTURED. UPI REPORTS
SCHULZ SAID PC CHIEF GENERAL RAMOS TOLD UNITED CHURCH
GROUP TORTURE MAY HAVE OCCURRED AT TIME OF ARREST PRIOR
TO DETAINEES BEING TAKEN TO DETENTION CENTERS. SCHULZ
REPORTEDLY TESTIFIED, "IT WOULD BE HARD FOR A REASONABLE
PERSON TO CONCLUDE THAT EVERYTHING WAS BEING DONE BY THE
GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE IT." EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON HEARINGS.

2. LOCAL SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF MAY 6 THAT HE HAS HEARD
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) REPORT IS NOW CIRCULATING
IN THE U.S. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD ICJ'S WILLIAM BUTLER
HAS COPY. IF REPORT IS CIRCULATING, WOULD APPRECIATE
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JONES AND POUCHING TO EMBASSY.

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